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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

10. (New) A pair of scissors comprising two elements rotationally movably assembled in a hinge, the orientation of said elements being substantially in a plane essentially perpendicular to the axis of said hinge and said movement relative to each other from a closed position to an open position taking place substantially in said plane, each of said elements having a blade and an arm, said blades and said arms having hinge ends defined by said hinge and distal ends, said blades being an upper blade and a lower blade in a position of use, said blades having cutting edges and back edges, each of said arms terminating in a structure configured to accommodate a finger of the user, both of said blades being curved out of said plane such that said cutting edges are curved sideways relative to said arms, said back edge of said upper blade being straight with a distal end thereof having a nose part in line therewith and protruding a first distance from the distal end of the cutting edge of the upper blade, said nose part having a lower surface generally parallel with said straight back edge and

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spaced a second distance from, and in a direction generally perpendicular to, the cutting edge of the lower blade in a closed position of the scissors.

11. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein a distal edge of said upper blade below said nose and extending said second distance is oriented to be substantially perpendicular to said upper blade back edge.

12. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein said upper and lower blades have a difference of lengths, the lower blade being the longer blade.

13. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein said rings in a closed position of the scissors define a first angle defined by lines from said hinge point as tangents to said rings, said blades having a general direction represented by a first line, said arms having a general direction indicated by a second line defined as the bisecting line of said first angle, said lines making a second angle large enough to place both of said rings entirely on the same side of an extension of said first direction line of said blades.

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14. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein a main part of said lower blade tapers toward said distal end which is provided with a rounded bulb.

15. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 14, wherein said bulb is joined with said tapered main part at a point generally aligned with a base of said nose part in a closed position of the scissors.

16. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein said back edge of said lower blade is provided with a chamfer inwardly.

17. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein said back edge of said lower blade is provided with an inwardly placed rounding.

18. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein at least one of said cutting edges is provided with a non-slip surface.

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19. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 10 wherein at least one of said cutting edges makes an angle of less than 75° with said plane.

20. (New) A pair of scissors comprising two elements rotationally movably assembled in a hinge, the orientation of said elements being substantially in a plane essentially perpendicular to the axis of said hinge and said movement relative to each other from a closed position to an open position taking place substantially in said plane, each of said elements having a blade and an arm, said blades and said arms having hinge ends defined by said hinge and distal ends, said blades being an upper blade and a lower blade in a position of use, said blades having cutting edges and back edges, each of said arms terminating in a structure configured to accommodate a finger of the user, both of said blades being curved out of said plane such that said cutting edges are curved sideways relative to said arms, said upper blade having a straight back edge and being shorter than said lower blade, a distal end of said straight back edge having a nose part in line therewith and protruding a first distance from the distal end of the cutting edge of the upper blade, and said lower blade having a

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length extending beyond said nose part in a closed position of the scissors.

21. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 20, wherein said nose part has a lower surface generally parallel with said straight back edge and spaced a second distance from, and in a direction generally perpendicular to, the cutting edge of the lower blade in a closed position of the scissors.

22. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 21 wherein a distal edge of said upper blade below said nose and extending said second distance is oriented to be substantially perpendicular to said upper blade back edge.

23. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein said distal end of said back edge of said upper blade stands a distance above said cutting edge of said lower blade in a closed position of the scissors.

24. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein a main part of said lower blade tapers toward said distal end which is provided with a rounded bulb.

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25. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 24, wherein said bulb is joined with said tapered main part at a point generally aligned with a base of said nose part in a closed position of the scissors.

26. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein said back edge of said lower blade is provided with a chamfer inwardly.

27. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein said back edge of said lower blade is provided with an inwardly placed rounding.

28. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein at least one of said cutting edges is provided with a non-slip surface.

29. (New) The pair of scissors according to claim 20 wherein at least one of said cutting edges makes an angle of less than 75° with said plane.